

*ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR*

**SANTINIKETAN ASHRAM SAMMILANI INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
(SASI)**

**FIRST**

The name of the corporation shall be “Santiniketan Ashram Sammilani International, Inc.”, hereinafter referred to as “SASI” or “Corporation”.

**SECOND**

The purposes for which SASI is formed are as follows:

- i) To conduct activities which are exclusively cultural, educational and charitable in nature within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.
- ii) To promote social, cultural and educational interactions among alumni of Visva-Bharati University, located in West Bengal, India.
- iii) To foster unity among the alumni and enhance their sense of identity and to generate understanding of the humanitarian values and ideals of Rabindranath Tagore, the founder of the University, and make its members aware of their relevance in present-day society.
- iv) To strive to enable its members to undertake useful initiatives for the betterment of the Visva-Bharati University.
- v) To organize, sponsor and collaborate in performances, conferences, exhibitions, workshops, seminars or other events for: students, teachers, researchers, alumni as well as well wishers of the University and general public, as appropriate.
- vi) To stimulate public interest, awareness and support for the cultural, educational and humanitarian aspects of the SASI’s purposes.
- vii) To publish, disseminate or otherwise distribute books, newsletters, magazines, programs and other appropriate texts, literature, illustrations or other pictorial representations describing SASI and Visva-Bharati University.
- (viii) To conduct any and all other activities as shall be from time to time found appropriate in connection with the foregoing purposes and as shall be lawful for the nonprofit SASI under the applicable laws of the State of Virginia.

**THIRD**

The corporation shall have one or more classes of members with such designations, qualifications, and rights as set forth in the bylaws.

**FOURTH**

The Trustees shall elect their successors in the manner as set forth in the bylaws.

**FIFTH**

- i) The name of the corporation’s initial registered agent is: Mamata De.
- ii) The initial registered agent is an individual who is a resident of Virginia and an initial director of the corporation.
- iii) The corporation’s initial registered office address, including the street number, if any, which is identical to the business office of the initial registered agent, is:

1330 Colvin Forest Drive, Vienna, VA 22182-1318.

- iv) The registered office is physically located in the county of Fairfax.

**SIXTH**

The corporation shall have no authority to issue capital stock.

**SEVENTH**

The corporation shall have at least (3) Trustees. The names and addresses of the initial Trustees are:

<u>Names</u>	<u>Addresses</u>
Tan Lee	307-431, Pacific St., Vancouver, BC, V6Z 2P6, Canada.
Hitabrata Roy	1104, Pekay St., Vienna, VA, 22180, USA.
Subrata Roy	Subroto Roy, 260 25th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94121, USA.
Alo Roy	Alo Roy, 16 Twin Oaks Drive, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, USA.

In addition to the Trustees, SASI will have an executive board consisting of a president, secretary, joint secretary, and treasurer. The manner of election of the Trustees

and the members of the executive board shall be set forth in the bylaws to be duly adopted by the initial board of Trustees, named herein. The number of Trustees may be increased pursuant to the governing provisions of the bylaws of the corporation.

#### **EIGHTH**

In furtherance of the foregoing purposes, SASI shall have all of the general powers conferred by THE Code of Virginia -- except as otherwise limited by operation of law or statute -- including, but not limited to the power to solicit grants and contributions for any corporate purposes, and the power to maintain a fund or funds or real or personal property for any corporate purpose. SASI shall have the right to exercise such powers as are, or hereafter may be, conferred by law upon a corporation organized for the purposes hereinabove set forth or necessary or incidental to the powers so conferred, or conducive to the furtherance thereof.

#### **NINTH**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendments thereto, SASI is organized solely and exclusively for charitable, cultural and educational purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code, as amended.

#### **TENTH**

SASI shall be empowered to solicit funds from the public.

#### **ELEVENTH**

SASI is not formed for the pecuniary profit and financial gains, and no part of its assets, income or profit shall be distributed or inure to the benefit of any private individuals(s) or entities. Reasonable compensation, however, may be paid for services to or for SASI in furtherance of one or more of its purposes.

#### **TWELFTH**

No substantial part of the activities of SASI shall be devoted to carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, except to the extent authorized by **Section 501 (h)** of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1954, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future US Internal Revenue Service laws in effect during any fiscal year or years in which the SASI had chosen to utilize the benefits authorized by such statutory provision; and further, the SASI shall not participate, including the publishing or distributing of statements, in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

### **THIRTEENTH**

The period of duration of SASI is perpetual.

### **FOURTEENTH**

In the event of dissolution, all of the assets and property of SASI remaining after payment of necessary expenses and the satisfaction of all liabilities shall be distributed to such charitable, cultural and educational organization(s) as shall qualify as exempt under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, as shall be determined by the Trustees of the SASI. Any of such assets not so distributed shall be disposed of for the such purposes and in such a manner as shall be approved by a judge of a court in the commonwealth of Virginia or any such other court (or tribunal) having jurisdiction over SASI.

### **FIFTEENTH**

SASI may amend its Articles of Incorporation from time to time in as many respects as may be desired, provided that its Article of Incorporation, as amended contains only such provisions as might be lawfully contained in the original Articles of Incorporation at the time of making such amendments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed these Articles of Incorporation and acknowledge the same to be my act on this 8th day of June, 2009.

Signature of Incorporator

Printed Name

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Date 06-08-2009

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